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TOTAL ABOLITION OF URBAN HAWKERS APPROVED

Report Of Committee Considered By The Executive Council Governor Accepts Recommendation

The report of the Committee on Hawking was considered by the Executive Council meeting on Wednesday and after discussion the Council advised acceptance of the Committee's recommendation that the total abolition of hawking in urban areas should be adopted as Government's long term policy.

Subject to a reservation by the Honourable the Director of Medical Services, the Council recommended hawker markets should be established in certain streets and available open space in Hong Kong and Kowloon to accommodate about 10,000 to 15,000 hawkers, provided that before arrangements were made for the establishment of hawkers' markets in streets, the views of the Health authorities were obtained and transmitted to the Urban Council.

The majority of Council was in favour of the encouragement of privately owned hawker markets as a means of providing additional space, although the lease of suitable private land by the Urban Council was considered to be a more practicable method of achieving the desired result.

DMS Objects.
The Honourable the Director of Medical Services was opposed to the recommendation that all markets should be under direct Government control and that Government should resume any land that might be required. The Council assented to the recommendation that concrete food stalls should be erected to an approved hygienic pattern.

The Council was in favour of the institution of a new form of licence to be styled a Pedlar's Licence, the proposed revision of the number of items of goods in the various classes of existing licences and the encouragement of cheap eating houses and workers' canteens.

The Council advised that consideration should be given to the incorporation into the Hawkers' Ordinance, 1935, of certain sections of the former Straits Settlements and other provisions regarding the disposal of seized or abandoned goods, and that the Urban Council should consider certain amendments to the by-laws under the Hawker's Ordinance, 1935.

No Deportation
The Council was not in favour of the recommendation that persons convicted of hawking offences who have four previous convictions for similar

offences endorsed on their licences should be automatically deported.

The Council favoured the desirability of giving full publicity to any measures which it was proposed to adopt should be borne in mind.

Food Hawkers
The Council favoured the Committee's recommendation that food hawkers should be subject to any medical regulations that might hereafter be imposed on other handlers of food in industrial concerns or restaurants.

His Excellency the Governor accepted the advice of Council and ordered accordingly.

CHIMNEY-STACK COLLAPSE

London, Apr. 11. With an explosion like the report of a big gun, half of a 207 feet chimney stack at a power mill in Macclesfield today came crashing down on a six-story building.

Nobody was seriously hurt, there being few people in the mill at the time, but some workers suffered shock.

Executed For Her Second Murder

San Quentin, Calif., April 12. Mrs. Peet Judson, who spent more than one third of her life in prison for murder, was executed in San Quentin's lethal gas chamber today for a second slaying—that of a wealthy woman who had befriended her by providing her work as a housekeeper following her parole for the first offence.

Mrs. Judson went to her death denying to the end she had committed either murder. She was the second woman ever executed by the State of California.

She was sentenced to life imprisonment 25 years ago for the murder of her wealthy husband. Associated Press.

Stafford Cripps' Trade Warning

Geneva, Apr. 12. Britain warned the preparatory committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment that the world's economy would be rocked by any obstacles placed in the way of United Kingdom exports.

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the British Board of Trade, in a speech prepared for delivery at the Conference said that argument in defense of Imperial Preference.

Recalling an American warning the preparatory committee's meeting in London last autumn that only the United States could weather successfully a depression of world trade by rules opposite to those in the proposed international trade organization charter, Cripps said it would reduce the British standard of living.

"That would be most unpleasant for us," Cripps asserted, "but I believe that such a result would be even more unpleasant for others."

Economic Fact
"If the charter were not to give us the opportunity we need or if the whole project were to fail then I suggest that the inevitable contraction of our powers to import, which would follow from obstacles put in the way of our exports, would be felt everywhere in the world."

Defending Imperial Preference, Cripps said "others also employ the preferential system."

He said it was "an expression of an economic fact, the economies of the United Kingdom and the other members of the Commonwealth have grown up to be interdependent."

U.S. Tariffs
Geneva, April 11. Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, who is later addressing the International Trade Conference, told a press conference this afternoon that any United States tariff reductions in return for the abandonment of

the text of the latter containing General Marshall's request, dated April 8, was published today. General Marshall sent copies to Mr. Ernest Bevin (British Foreign Secretary) and to the Chinese Government.

The letter stated that the United States Commander in Korea had several times made requests to the Soviet Commander that the Commission should convene and get on with its work, but it had been impossible to agree on the basis of doing so.

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Empire preferences would not be regarded as sufficient by the British Government.

A questioner asked him: "If the United States want the full way in their tariff concessions would you consider that a quid pro quo for abolishing Imperial preferences?"

Sir Stafford answered emphatically: "No."

It was very difficult to say, he said, how far Britain was prepared to compromise Imperial preference before offers had been made. It was understood that there were limits set to the reduction of tariffs so that there would be automatically a limit to reduction in preferences.—Reuter.

Marshall Note On Korea Deadlock

Moscow, Apr. 11. General George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, has asked M. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, to agree to the resumption of meetings of the joint Russian-American Commission in Korea so that the re-establishment of a provisional Korean Government may be speeded.

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Hawkers' Petition

A petition has been drawn up by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hawkers Association, to be forwarded to Government (possibly tomorrow), seeking a slowing down of the campaign to eliminate hawkers from the streets.

During the past week several urgent meetings have been held by the Association. The fear was expressed that Government implementation in full the recommendations of the Hawkers Committee.

Chief point of protest at the meetings was the recommendation that hawkers after a fourth offence were to be deported, and it was intended to protest most vigorously against the severity of this proposed measure. Government, however, has not adopted this recommendation.

The petition will seek Government's sympathetic consideration on such points as the release of a hawker's stock-in-trade if he is "out on bail" awaiting trial; the issue of itinerant hawkers' licences for cooked food; dispensing with the medical examination of applicants for cooked food stall licences; lighter fines for hawking offences; and the early setting out of pitches where hawkers may sell their wares.

GRAIN FOR BRITAIN

Montreal, Apr. 11. Over 30 ships with total capacity of 100 million bushels of grain, most of it for Britain, steamed across Lake Superior today behind United States icebreakers and coastguard ships, which had smashed the last ice barrier barring access to the grain elevators at Port Arthur and Port William, Canadian lake ports for Winnipeg.—Reuter.

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Did You Remember?

Hong Kong went on to Summer Time at 3.30 a.m. today. Those who remembered the Government announcement to this effect on March 21 put their clocks on an hour before going to bed last night. Others will have found this morning that they are an hour behind the times. It is not known whether or not the Government P.R.O. was among the latter, but up to the time of going to Press an official reminder had been received.

London Dockers To Strike

London, Apr. 12. A major dock strike on Monday appears to be in the making early today.

The Ministry of Labour indicated it would refuse to intervene in the Glasgow dispute in which London and Liverpool dockers already had agreed to walk out in sympathy with the Glasgow workers.

Today the Ministry sent notices to Glasgow that it would abide by the firing of 500 dockers there on grounds they were not needed.

Glasgow dockers have been on strike for three weeks, demanding the reinstatement of the men. The walkout by some 3,800 men has tied up 70 ships.

Yesterday and today, London and Liverpool dockers voted to walk out on Monday in sympathy unless the Ministry acted. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow at which Union officials will ask them to stay on the job in London. If a walkout comes, 24,000 men would be involved in London alone.—United Press.

KOWLOON ELECTRICITY TO BE CHEAPER

A reduction in electric charges in Kowloon as from May 1, 1947, was announced at the 24th annual general meeting of the China Light & Power Co. Ltd., held yesterday at the office of the Company in St. George's Building.

The reduction is from 71.28 to 64 cents per unit in the case of lighting and from 27.72 to 25 cents per unit in the case of power, with proportionate reductions for bulk rates, and for supplies to the New Territories.

The Chairman, Mr. A. Raymond, explained that the reduction had been made possible by an improvement in the detection of theft of current and in anticipation of the successful completion of work in hand at the Power Station, and hinted at the possibility of further reductions after the completion.

Supporting Mr. Raymond in the chair were the Hon. Mr. M. L. Lo and Mr. L. Kadourie (Directors), Mr. F. C. Wood (Manager), Mr. P. W. A. Wood (Secretary and Chief Accountant), and Mr. J. H. Shaw (Asst. Secretary).

Opening the proceedings the Chairman said: "After providing for depreciation, the net profit for the 13 months ended Sept. 30, 1946 amounts to \$1,165,014.23. This has been transferred to the Profit & Loss Appropriation Account."

The loss carried forward as at Aug. 31 1945 (other than that directly attributable to the War), was \$1,421,951.62.

"After deducting the net profit above referred to, there is an adverse balance of \$256,947.39. Added to this is a reserve of five lakhs of dollars for contingencies which your Directors have deemed advisable to provide for. Consequently upon this latter adjustment, the total adverse balance amounts to \$756,947.39 which has been carried to the Balance Sheet."

Replacements
"I am glad to be able to inform you that the replacement parts for our No. 7 High Pressure Turbine are on their way out from England, and that Messrs. Metropolitan-Vickers Engineering have already arrived in the Colony. Every effort is being made to complete repairs to this machine as soon as possible."

Thefts
"I am pleased to be able to inform you today that, due to

the vigilance and extra work carried out by the Staff, we have been able to detect a number of thefts of current referred to at the previous meeting of the Shareholders. Much yet remains to be done, particularly in view of the large area that has still to be covered.

"On the other hand, since our meeting on Dec. 14, 1946, further thefts of overhead line and towers have occurred in the New Territories. In consequence, we have been forced to remove completely a line 2 1/2 miles long between Beacon Hill Tunnel and Tower 26 in the Shing Mun Reservoir area. Due to felling of sections of the towers, the whole line had become dangerous to the public and we were left with no alternative but to remove it."

"Indeed, what measure of success we have so far attained in detecting and preventing thefts of overhead line and towers has been rendered possible only by the cooperation and assistance rendered to us by the Police, for which I desire to take this opportunity of expressing our keen appreciation."

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"Mr. Munton has retired. During the twenty years he served the Company, the number of consumers grew from 10,998 to 33,296, and the Peak Load from 3,970 K.W. to 16,200 K.W. I take this opportunity of expressing on your behalf our appreciation of (Continued on Page 3 Col. 6)

HE SEES THE RED LIGHT?

Washington, Apr. 11. Senator James Eastland (Democrat) said in the resumed Senate debate today on President Truman's plan to aid Greece and Turkey that the "peace of the world is threatened by a Communist dictatorship just as it was by Hitler."

"In my judgment if the expansionist policies of the Soviet Union are not effectively checked, then war between the Soviet Union and the United States is inevitable."

"One danger is greater than at any time in modern history."—Reuter.

Average Briton Earns £10 A Week

London, Apr. 21. The chief wage earner in 92 per cent of British homes makes not more than £10 a week.

The Board of Trade Journal showed that figure today in a sample survey made by the government in May to July, 1945, of 11,276 homes in England and Wales.

The statistics were weighted against the nation's population estimates of December 1944, to give estimated statistics for the country as a whole.

The survey of the economic status is based solely on the weekly wage rate of the chief wage earner in the family and did not take into account the total weekly income of the household.—Associated Press.

BRITISH LOSSES

London, Apr. 11. Mr. James Turner, National Farmers Union President, appealing for the agricultural disaster fund, disclosed tonight that losses this winter, through blizzards, snow, frost and floods, included two million sheep, one-fifth of the total in England and Wales, 30,000 cattle, 230,000 acres of winter corn and 100,000 tons of potatoes.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A ridge of high pressure extends from W. Mongolia to Central China, thence N. and NE. over the Eastern Sea and Japan. Pressure is low over E. Manchuria to the N. and E. of Japan and over the southern regions. Pressure is falling over SW China.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E. and SE winds inland, fresh NE winds offshore, becoming easterly; partly cloudy, becoming cloudy, with rain probably developing later, morning coastal mist or fog.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 77 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 61 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 6.5 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since January 1—169.2 mm., as against an average of 203.3 mm.

Readings at:
Hara, at 8 a.m.: 101.8, 101.5 m.b.
Equator: 30.62, 30.58 inches.
Rel. Humidity: 60, 61 %
Dew Point: 60, 61 deg. F.
Wind Direction: ESE, E.
Wind Force: 5, 12 knots.

COLUMBIA QUAKE

Norfolk, Apr. 12. A strong earthquake at San Carlos, a small town near Carlsbad, destroyed 25 houses, despatched said. No known deaths were reported, but many were injured.—Associated Press.

U.S. Atom-Monopoly For 15 Years?

Washington, Apr. 12. Quasi-official military documents urged an indefinite retention of America's industrial capacity to produce atom bombs and the maintenance of advanced areas, but discounted possibility of a push-button war of long range missiles in the near future.

The information, purporting to represent the Navy and War Departments' "thinking" on problems posed by the development of atomic energy as an instrument of war, was gathered from the Library of Congress Legislative Reference Service for the use of Congressional committees.

The War Department summary said the most the United States could expect from an international atomic energy control system "is a period of approximately one year in which to prepare for a full scale atomic attack with significant quantities of bombs after a warning has been given of a major violation of the international control regulations."

15 Years More
The Department said its calculations led it to a conclusion that "for a number of years, perhaps as many as eight to 15, only the United States will possess atomic bombs in significant quantities."

The Navy Department document said rockets with atomic war weapons capable of thousands of miles range are not to be expected for another 25 years.

It said that navy dockyards and repair bases should be spread out more and that ship structure should be strengthened 50 per cent above that necessary to withstand typhoon type of winds, since this would be enough to take a bomb blast.—Associated Press.

Sinclair, mindful of its obligations under the Moscow Agreement, seen no alternative to taking without further delay such steps as its zone as will advance the purposes of that agreement.—Reuter.

One Way Of Getting A Job---

Manila, Apr. 12. The unemployment situation is bad.

According to the police today two unidentified men walked into the office of Johnson F. Montgomery, head of the Manila Ship Watchers' Union in the port area, and started breaking chairs and any other furniture in sight. Late last night.

Montgomery, stared at the pair in bewilderment, then asked what the joke was all about.

Before he could say another word one of the men drew a pistol, warning "keeping your distance, Mister if you want to stay healthy." Montgomery did want to stay healthy.

Before leaving, the two men paused at the doorway and said: "If we don't get employed in this outfit somebody is likely to get hurt."

They walked out leaving Montgomery wondering whether he would hire them or not. He asked the police to help him to think the problem over.—United Press.

MASS BURIAL OF VICTIMS

Woodward, Okla., Apr. 11. State reports from the Oklahoma-Texas tornado area put known dead at 146 today. The municipal authorities said mass burials would be held on Sunday.—United Press.

WINES

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Sauterne
Bordeaux Blanc
Graves
Graves Dry Select
Pauillac Fortiss 39
Chaplis 39
Meunier 38

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Blanc Village
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Coming Events

April 13.—Toc H. classical concert, 8.30 p.m.
 April 14.—H.K. Stage Club Play: "Present Laughter," 7.30 p.m.
 April 15.—H.K. & Canton Ice Mfg. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.
 April 16.—H.K. Toc H. meeting, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8 p.m. Speaker:—Mr. Bernard Newman.
 April 16.—Lawn Bowls Assn. general meeting, 5.45 p.m.
 April 18 and 19.—K.C.C. Play: "A Woman's Eye View."
 April 19.—H.K.S.P. Flag Day.
 April 21.—H.K. Land Investment & Agency Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon.
 April 24.—Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.
 April 24.—H.K. Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon.
 April 26.—K.C.C. Play: "A Woman's Eye View."
 April 28.—"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.

"Benares" Invaded By 12 Amazons

A simultaneous invasion of the "Benares" on the evening of April 11 by an army of 12 young Amazons for an unspecified purpose, led to their prosecution in the Marine Court yesterday on a charge of unlawful boarding.

S.I. Fyfe, prosecuting, told the Magistrate, Mr. Jolly, that the Police were having a lot of trouble with these cases and a matter of fact, they were getting out of control. He said there was evidently an organisation behind these activities as the girls were bailed out at \$50 each at most immediately after they were charged. He asked for a serious view to be taken.

After Mr. Jolly had imposed a fine of \$50 on each of the offenders, one of them pleaded for leniency, stating it was the first time she had been on board a ship. Her plea was, however, refused.

One of the girls, who failed to put in an appearance, had her bail of \$50 forfeited.

The mistress of a sampan and her boat, tied up alongside, the "Benares," were dismissed on a charge of conveying prostitutes, owing to lack of evidence.

Price Controls

The following amendments to the Price Control schedule were gazetted yesterday:—

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 H.B. pints, (per bottle):
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 Maximum Retail Price for consumption on the premises where sold, \$1.25.
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 Wholesale Price, \$1.55.
 Maximum Retail Price for consumption off the premises, \$1.70.
 Maximum Retail Price for consumption on the premises \$2.20.

MEAT
 Australian Poultry: Boiling Fowl, Maximum Retail Price, \$2.00 per lb.

COTTON YARN CONFISCATED

Four bales of cotton yarn valued at \$5,000 were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central yesterday. The yarn, property of Lee Kee Sheung, owner of Junk 254V, was not included in the manifest of the cargo.

Gliding evidence, Mr. Humphreys said that the yarn was found under two layers of cotton singles.

Mr. Sheldon said that it was a clear case of trying to export prohibited goods and ordered the goods to be confiscated.

H.K. LAND DIVIDEND

The report of the H.K. Land Investment and Agency Company reveals a working profit of \$1,092,585, plus profits on sale of property amounting to \$1,192,000. Property is to be further written down by \$1,000,000 and a dividend of \$2 per share is to be paid. The shareholders' meeting has been arranged for April 21.

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Poor Thing

By EDGAR MARTIN



THREE AMERICANS EXECUTED BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS?

Appointed

The following appointments were gazetted yesterday:—

Mr. T. Megarry to be an official member of Executive Council until Nov. 27, 1947.

Mr. M. N. Oxford to act as Director of Air Services and Airport Manager during the absence of Mr. A. J. R. Moss.

The Secretary of State has approved the appointment of Mr. J. T. Mackenzie as an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. A. S. Ho to be a Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Mr. R. S. Hing-Brown to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on probation.

The next Criminal Sessions will open on Wednesday, April 23.

Shanghai, Apr. 12. The official Central News today claimed that the Communists executed three Americans and one other foreigner of unknown nationality on April 1 shortly before evacuating Wayao, 30 miles northwest of Yenan in north Shensi.

The report, which was otherwise unconfirmed, said the Americans were shot on charges of being Nationalist spies. It said several important Chinese prisoners were also executed at the same time.

The brief Central News dispatch from Sian, chief Nationalist base in that sector, did not give the identity of the allegedly executed men.

American captives in Communist hands are the assistant military attaché, Maj. Robert Riggs and Capt. John W. Collins, both of whom captured on the north outskirts of Changchun, in Manchuria.

Observers believed that in view of the Communist promise to release them and in view of poor communications between Red-held Manchuria and Shensi, it is mostly likely that they were not among those executed. Despite the Communist assurances of their release at Harbin, still no word has been obtained regarding their whereabouts.

It was at Wayao that the Nationalists claimed the capture of the equipment of the two most important Communist propaganda machines—Radio Yenan and the Emancipation Daily.—United Press.

Anti-American Campaign

Tsingtau, Apr. 12.

An Anti-American campaign developed among students at the University of Shanghai over the recent fatal stabbing of a Chinese rickshaw coolie allegedly by an American sailor of Philippine extraction.

The students held a mass meeting and passed a resolution to send telegrams to the Chinese Government and the American Embassy in Nanking and the United Nations asking for the speedy withdrawal of American forces from China.

Other resolutions called for an apology by American military authorities, compensation for the coolie's family and a guarantee of "better discipline" among the American armed forces.

Chinese authorities banned a projected anti-American parade by the students, whose activities therefore were limited to adopting resolutions and writing slogans and proclamations.—Associated Press.

CHURCH TRUSTEES

The following appointments have been made in the Constitution of the Trustees of the Church of England in the Diocese of Victoria:—

Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Mr. H. C. Margett representing St. John's Cathedral, Mr. G. T. Anderson and Mr. G. S. P. Heywood representing St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Mr. E. A. Lee and Mr. E. P. Shea representing Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.

Mr. A. S. Adamson, Mr. R. G. Craig and Mr. T. Addis Martin have been appointed Trustees of the Union Church.

Anti-Nazi Back In Germany

Berlin, April 11.

Dr. Ludwig Renn, 68-year-old anti-Nazi author, has returned here from Mexico to devote his further work to aiding the moral and intellectual reconstruction of Germany.

Dr. Renn was imprisoned by the Nazis, fought for the Spanish Republics during the Spanish Civil War and in 1939 went to Mexico, where he taught history and modern European art.

Among his most famous books are Krieg und Nachkrieg (War and Aftermath).—Reuter.

About 11.30 p.m. on Friday night a jeep driven by Private Kibble, R.A.S.C., collided with a private car in the vicinity of Blue Pool Road. Kibble received head injuries as the result of the accident and was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, where it was learned last night that his condition is good.

Newfoundland As 49th American State?

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Apr. 12.

Preliminary steps to determine on what basis the United States would admit Newfoundland as the 49th state of America were taken in the National Convention elected to discuss the possible future form of Newfoundland, it was announced today.

Delegations have already been selected to confer with officials in London and Ottawa within the next two months on the possibility of either remaining under government by the British Commonwealth, assuming Dominion status or joining Canada as a tenth province.

A motion said that it possible a delegation be selected to interview the United States regarding possible terms for a federal union. The United States has 99-year leases on bases in St. Johns, Argentina and Stephenville and this

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metro band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—With Behnemann.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Studio: Fred Carpio and His Jazz Concert Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service: Radio Orchestra Conducted by Denis Wright.

7.00 p.m.—Studio: Local News "Round-Up".
7.15 p.m.—Variety.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "See Tee's" Commentary on the Governor's Cup.

7.40 p.m.—Variety (Cont'd).
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Casualty Rustle.
8.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Man of Property" No. 6 by John Galsworthy, adapted by Muriel Levy.

9.00 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.
9.15 p.m.—ZBW "Prize" No. 61: Mendelssohn, "Fingal's Cave"—Overture, HBC Sym. Orch.

Dvorak, Quintet in A Major—Arthur Schnabel, Piano and Fred Aris Quartet.
Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor "Pathétique" Boston Symphony Orchestra.

10.45 p.m.—Studio: Sunday Evening Epilogue, Conducted by the Rev. J. E. Handbach, Methodist.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

The War In China

Tientsin, Apr. 12.

Nationalist planes have gone into action in Southern Shensi in an attempt to arrest a Communist offensive which, according to official admission, has forced Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops "to move to new positions."

Nationalist reverses also were conceded in Hopei province where the Reds attacked and occupied a railway station at Chengtong on the Peiping-Hankow line about 100 miles southwest of Peiping.—Associated Press.

GOODS ROTTING IN MACAO

Macao, Apr. 11.

Complaints are being made that rice has been rotting in Macao godowns since the ban on exports.

Rice merchants are now planning representations en masse to Government, asking for revival of the system whereby a quota of 80% of imports is allowed for export by merchants.

The price of rice which a month ago spiraled up to around \$100 per picul is now pegged to about \$41.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Z.B.W. studios in Gloucester Building are to be rehabilitated. Yesterday's Gazette called for tenders "for redecoration and renovation" of the studio.

T'AIN'T TRUE

Moscow, Apr. 11. Reports that negotiations for a revision of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Alliance have broken down were categorically denied by the British delegation here today. The negotiators will meet again during the next few days.—Reuter.

KOWLOON ELECTRICITY TO BE CHEAPER

(Continued from Page 1)

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"I would add that this is the first step towards a further reduction which we hope to make after the successful completion of work at present in hand at our Power Station."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented; and on the motion being seconded by Mr. A. R. Brown, who expressed the appreciation of shareholders of the hard work and careful thought put in by the Board and the staff through a difficult period, it was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. H. D. Benham, seconded by Mr. R. A. Dastur, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. A. Raymond were re-elected to the Board.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were reappointed auditors on the motion of Mr. Yeung Tso-ke, seconded by Mr. A. R. Pollak.

Shareholders at the meeting included Messrs. A. R. Brown, R. A. Dastur, H. D. Benham, A. R. Pollak, H. K. Kautz, Jose Martins, Yeung Tso-ke, J. A. de S. Alvares, M. B. Gutierrez, Lo Kin-fai and J. V. Braga.

Three more British China companies have been registered in Hong Kong. They include two British newspaper publishers—the North China Daily News and Herald Ltd., of Shanghai, and the Central China Post, Ltd., of Hankow.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Article and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Airmail for Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland and London, Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. 12/4. (Ord.) 5 p.m. 18/4. G.P.O. (Reg.) 5 p.m. 12/4. (Ord.) 10 a.m. 18/4.

Airmail for Shanghai and Peking, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 12/4. (Ord.) 10 a.m. 18/4. Shanghai, 10 a.m. Canton, 8.15 a.m. Canton (By Train), 10 a.m. Kowloon, 10 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m. Tsankong (Kwongchowwan), 10 a.m. Macao, Tientsin and Shensi, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 14
Saloon, 10 a.m. Shanghai, 3 p.m. Straits, 3 p.m.

U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada (San Francisco) No Parcel for Canada, Kowloon C.P.O. (Par. and Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m. G.P.O. (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Tsankong (Kwongchowwan) 4 p.m. Kowloon, 10 a.m. Macao, Tientsin and Shensi, 4 p.m. Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Peking, (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m. G.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m. Tientsin, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
Airmail for Manila P.R. (Reg.) 8.50 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m. Tsankong, Nuen, Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shensi, 4 p.m. Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Peking, (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m. G.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

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Assaulted Captain Of His Ship

The loss of a quantity of brass "unice" twice, brought to Hong Kong especially from Australia, led to Li Mue-chien, boatwain of s/s "Stockington," being sentenced to two years' penal servitude by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

The sentence passed on Li was not for larceny of the brass but for assaulting the Captain of the ship with an iron bar at about 4 p.m. on April 8.

According to DSJ Mayor, who prosecuted, accused was questioned about the loss as he was the person who held the key to the storeroom and was responsible for the contents. As the answers he gave were unsatisfactory, Captain Frederick Paton told him that he would be taken off the ship's payroll the next day.

This angered accused to such an extent that he returned, about 10 minutes after the interview with the Captain, armed with an iron bar with which he attempted to strike the Officer. Captain Paton raised his right hand to protect himself but was struck on the arm below the right elbow.

On being examined at the Hospital, Captain Paton was found to be suffering from bruises and abrasions on the arm and forearm, a bruise at the back of the head, while his right arm was fractured. The bone of his little finger was also fractured.

Giving his version of the incident, Li declared that the Captain got hold of his neck and pummelled him when he asked for his wages after he had been dismissed the ship. He pushed the Captain away and the latter fell. He denied that he handled the iron bar at any time.

His evidence, and that of his two witnesses, was disbelieved by His Worship who was shown the bruises by the Complainant.

A 6-year-old boy who ran out in front of a lorry turning out of Woosung Street into Nanking Street at 6 p.m. yesterday was knocked down by the rear left wheel. He was taken to hospital, where he died.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

Shipping News

Notice is hereby given that as from the 1st May, 1947, all information regarding shipping movements entering or lying in the waters of the Colony will be issued to the Public only from the Harbour Office on application.

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Hong Kong, 10th April, 1947.

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It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Office of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 14th day of April, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road.

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Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$500,000.00 by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF,
Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1947.

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Notice is hereby given that the
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1947 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of confirming the appointment
of the Board of Directors and
receiving their Report and
Statements of Accounts for the
year ending 31st July 1947, and
for the periods 1st August,
1941 to 31st December, 1941
and 1st October, 1945 to 31st
July, 1946 and to re-elect
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.
J. D. THOMSON
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Monday
the 28th day of April, 1947, at
Noon, to receive the Report of
the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to elect Directors and to
appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
15th April, 1947, to the 28th
April, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of
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C. E. TERRY,
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Hong Kong, 8th April, 1947.

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Wallace's Appeal Not To Take SidesBritish
Goodwill
Air TourLondon, Apr. 11.
A Viking aircraft will fly from Britain next Sunday by way of Egypt, India and Malaya for a goodwill sales tour of Australia and New Zealand.

A Vickers Armstrong representative told Reuters: "The purpose of our tour is to show the Australian and New Zealand people that Britain has one outstanding postwar aircraft—the Viking—and to show them what it will do."

"The Viking is particularly suited to a large number of jobs, peculiar to Australia and New Zealand and we intend to demonstrate what its capabilities are."

The spokesman said that the American Dakota aircraft had done wonderful service in the Pacific during the war but it was now 13 years old.

"The Viking is its ideal successor. It is 40 miles per hour faster, has a higher pay-load and a longer range," he added.

"We intend to call in at India, pay courtesy calls on our present customers and on our return journey we shall stop at Bombay to see how the Indian Air Force are finding our Vikings working in practice," the spokesman said.

The party expect to return to Britain about the middle of June.—Reuters.

"Destiny To Save
The World"London, Apr. 12.
Henry A. Wallace declared today that Britain could save the world from war by refusing to take sides between the United States and Russia.

"If you show the way, all progressive peoples can speak out before it is too late for the principles of a strong United Nations and world progress," the former United States Vice-President told a meeting sponsored by the weekly "New Statesman and Nation."

The "New Statesman and Nation" is a leftist periodical which has been the voice of the Labour Party rebels against British foreign policy.

Renewing his criticism of President Truman's doctrine in the Middle East, Wallace said "I do not believe that there will be a war this month or next month but I do believe that a continuation of the present policy will set during the next few months a rigid framework which will maintain a state of perpetual mutual warfare which will, after a time, produce a depression in the United States and, eventually, a worldwide war."

Forced To War
"I believe this is also true of the Russians."

"In the short term, a hard policy against Russia may be highly successful. In the long term I don't see how it can help peace."

"At first, by policing Russia's every border, we may force her to contract her influence. But within her borders she may prepare

for eventual war instead of taking the risk that all nations must take for lasting peace."—Associated Press.

Suicidal Task
If war comes, Wallace said, all nations would be given the "suicidal task of choosing sides."

He added "you are asked by many of my countrymen to make that choice today. To do so means the end of social reform and the hopes of peace. Thank God you do not have to make that choice. Your destiny is to save the world from that choice by refusing to make it yourselves."

Wallace defined the Truman doctrine as one of "unconditional aid to anti-Soviet governments" and said "It is undertaken in the name of stopping Communism. Instead it will lead to Communist revolutions. When we squander moral and material resources on vicious and undemocratic governments we are acting as the best salesman Communism ever had."

Prescription For Peace
Wallace gave this prescription for peace:

A 10-year \$50,000,000,000 world reconstruction programme through the United Nations, plus world control of atomic energy and weapons of destruction.

Internationalization of strategic areas, including the Dardanelles, the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal and a movement toward national disarmament and creation of a world security system.—Associated Press.

No Guarantee
London, Apr. 11.
Henry A. Wallace said flatly today that he could not "guarantee" he would support the Democratic Party in the 1948 presidential elections.

Commenting on President Truman's statement that he was confident that Wallace would support the party in 1948, Wallace said, "I shall be campaigning in 1948 with all my power—but I will be campaigning for the ideals of a free world and men who best express those ideals."

"I hope, but I cannot guarantee, that they will be on the Democratic ticket."—United Press.

EGYPT'S WARNING TO
GREAT POWERSCharlottesville, Va., Apr. 12.
The great powers must not antagonise the Arab states, the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, Mahmoud Hassan, declared in a speech here tonight.

"We are determined not to tolerate any interference in our internal affairs," he said. "I must warn those who are trying to sow seeds of discord among members of the Arab League to keep their hands off lest they get burned."

Addressing the School of Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia, the Ambassador said that the United Nations were being handicapped by the activities of the larger powers and urged the elimination of the veto power in the Security Council.

"The Security Council should definitely be regarded by reason of its functions more as a judicial body than a political one," he said.

On the question of the Sudan, the Ambassador said that "we find cause to resent the political propaganda that we as Egyptians are trying to make them subservient people."

Egypt would welcome a referendum provided the Sudanese are able freely to express their wishes. This, he maintained, could only be accomplished if the British troops evacuate that territory and British officials release their hold on the country's administration.

Attitude Of The
Overlord

The Ambassador stated that the answer to the question of how the Near East can contribute to world peace will result from the actions of the larger nations.

"Let these larger nations treat the nations of the Middle East and the Near East with sincerity of equality rather than with patronage and the attitude of the overlord, and I am sure they would find reciprocal friendliness developing overnight," he said. "But when one of these powers has the effrontery to speak of taking us as partners in what is exclusively our own domain then we will know how to meet this challenge."

Stating that the Arab League was steadily growing stronger and warning against attempts to stir up discord among its members, the Ambassador said:

"Our group constitutes the pivot of security in the Near East. The big powers have everything to gain through our friendship and everything to lose if they choose to antagonise us."

Dollar Shackles

"Are the big powers ready and willing to give up their own privileges in the Middle East? Are they willing to speak frankly and honestly with us along the new lines of political equality within the frame-

work of the United Nations Charter? Then and only then will they find us willing to extend a friendly hand."

"If otherwise, I fear we shall have to resist their imperialistic and aggressive policy, thus increasing the bitterness which has hitherto marked our relations."

Turning to economics, he called for greater freedom in trade and commerce.

"We need in Egypt freedom from the shackles of dollar security through outside control which forces us to channel all our trade to one country or group of countries," he said.—Reuters.

Matchbox
Camera Used
By Our SpiesRochester, N.Y., Apr. 12.
Cameras small enough to fit into a man's hand and resembling a box of safety matches aided Allied agents to snap photographs behind enemy lines during World War 2.

Eastman Kodak Company revealed that 1,000 cameras and "vest-pocket" darkrooms were produced for the Office of Strategic Services and underground forces in enemy-held territory.

The cameras, known as "matchbox" cameras, produced half-inch square pictures which could be enlarged many times. The miniature "darkroom" with chemicals in pill form enabled the agents to develop film in a small glass with a single figger of solution.

The cameras made 30 exposures on a film two feet long.—Associated Press.

LIBERALISM IN
OXFORDOxford, Apr. 11.
Constitution of a World Liberal Union, "raising present-day liberalism from a national to an international plane," was approved at a private meeting of delegates from 10 countries held tonight at Wadham College.

"The objective of the Union is to win general acceptance of liberalism throughout the world and to foster a free society based on freedom and national responsibility."—Reuters.

Senator's
Attack On
WallaceWashington, Apr. 12.
Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, called today for resistance to Communism "on every front in the world" as the Senate headed toward a test vote on the US\$400,000,000 Greece and Turkey aid.

The activities of former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace abroad also entered the debate.

Eastland declared that Wallace has tried "to induce the friends and allies of this country to desert her."

Senator Pepper, Democrat of Florida, defended Wallace.

The test vote was passed by a motion of Senator Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, to strip aid to Turkey from the bill, leaving only aid to Greece.

Johnson called Turkey "a Fascist military dictatorship" and said the proposed American assistance to that country implies a "military alliance."

This was the first amendment by an opponent of the bill to reach the voting stage.

Several amendments by Senator Arthur Vandenberg were quickly adopted on voice votes Thursday.—Associated Press.

Prefer Back
To EngineWashington, Apr. 11.
The Army Air Transport Command discovered that 94 per cent of its trans-continental customers prefer to sit facing the rear of the aeroplane.

ATC surgeons figured riding backward is safer in case of crash landings—passengers have the whole seat instead of the belt for support. Visibility also is improved.

The ATC conducted five months of experiment on its three weekly "statesman" flight which hauls prominent passengers between Washington and Fairfield, California. Of 1,020 passengers queried during tests, 959 favoured the reversed seating arrangement, 45 had no use for it and 16 were non-committal.

ATC has turned the seats around again at present, pending further study. It said so far "backward seating" has neither been rejected nor approved for ATC passenger flights.—United Press.

Bulbs For Nylons
And TobaccoAmsterdam, Apr. 12.
Eight men were arrested today and others are expected to be detained in connection with an Anglo-Dutch smuggling racket which detectives say, for months has been smuggling large quantities of flower bulbs into England and exchanging them for tobacco, nylon stockings and other articles which were then smuggled into the Netherlands.

It was estimated that 20,000,000 high priced bulbs have been smuggled into England alone.

It was reported in Amsterdam that the contraband had been landed illegally along the coasts of Devon, Lincolnshire and Cornwall.

Officials said that some Amsterdam freighters, Lindeisen fishermen and private yacht owners are believed to be involved in the racket.

Secret Dumps

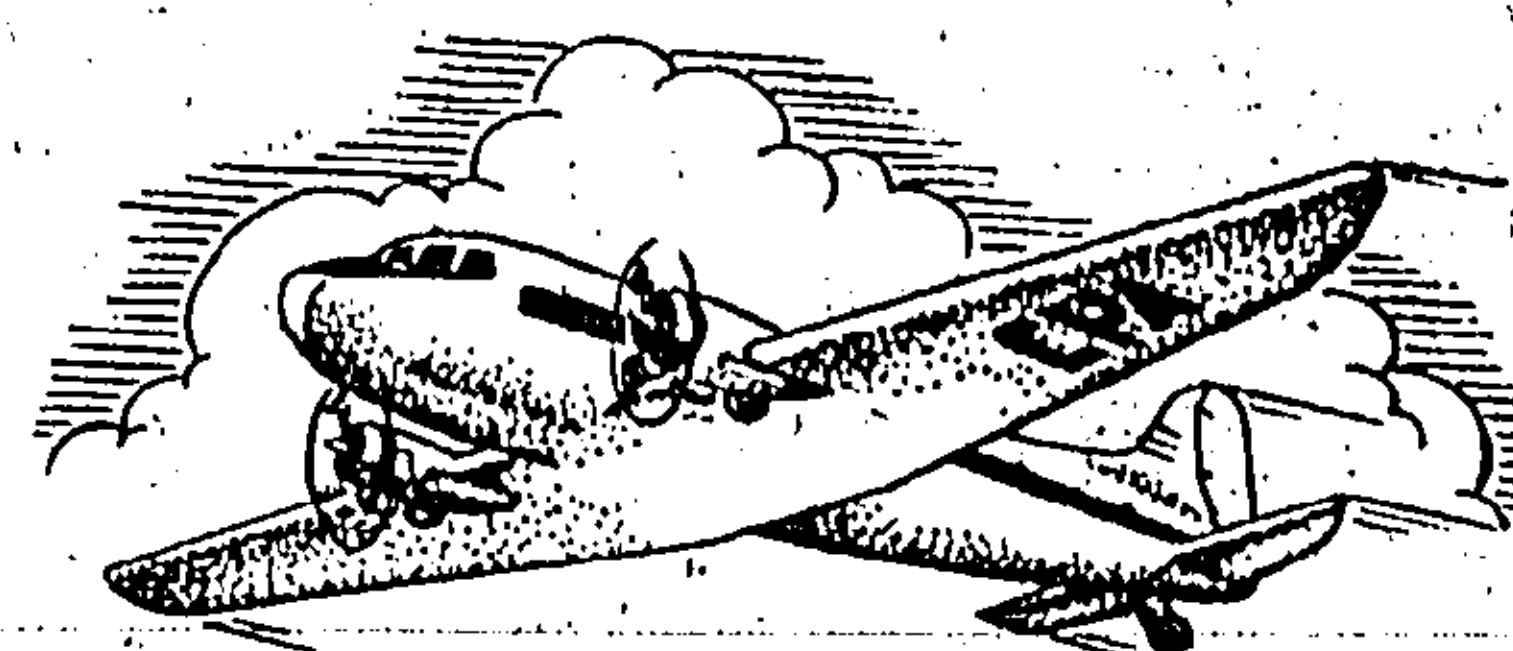
Precautions against the smugglers were tightened after British customs officers found imported flower bulbs and seeds on which it was alleged no duty had been paid aboard several yachts in British ports.

A cart laden with bulbs was seized in Holland.

Following up clues, Dutch detectives discovered secret bulb dumps in various parts of the Netherlands, and uncovered a secret code which they believed was used by the British and Dutch smugglers.

An intensive watch was made of every vessel entering IJmuiden harbour and it was alleged that cigarettes, bicycle tyres and other contraband found aboard a small Dutch yacht on March 8, provided other clues to the ring of smugglers. Other arrests are expected.—Associated Press.

Dutchman Fined

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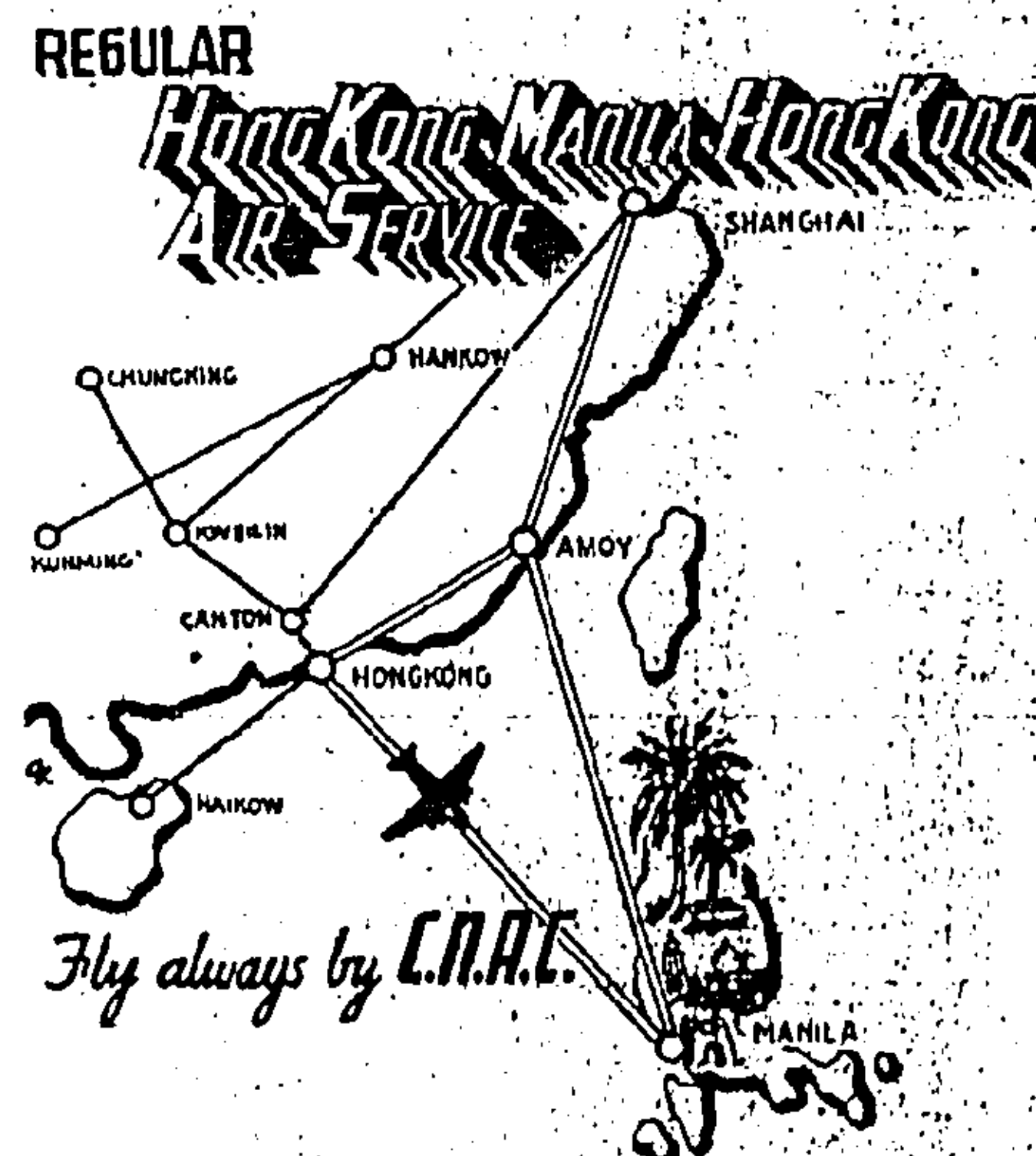
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CROWN AND COMMONWEALTH

By SCRUTATOR

The King and Queen are now nearing the end of their tour of South Africa, their first Dominion visit since the war. The visit is an occasion of considerable importance. The Commonwealth, which comprises the Dominions with ourselves, has now lasted for about a generation with no formal tie between its members save loyalty to a common Crown. Five separate Parliamentary Governments, functioning in London, Ottawa, Canberra, Cape Town and Wellington respectively, are each in from "advisers" to King George VI; who, though in fact he usually resides in Great Britain, belongs, not to her alone, but to all of them. And in each of the Dominions he is represented by a Governor-General, who acts as the King's day-by-day deputy, wielding no more powers than, if present, the King would wield.

It may be said that the King's position in the Dominions is now only a constitutional fiction. It would be true to say that it is only a symbol. But what does it symbolize? Both an origin and a goal, both traditions and purposes. It is a reminder that the Dominions and their flourishing institutions are offshoots from the tree of British constitutional freedom. It is a reminder, too, that we and they have common ideas as to liberty, justice, progress and the essentials of good Government, which we are concerned in common to defend and advance.

Because these things are so real and important, the institution which symbolizes them has high value. The great majority of thinking people both here and in the Dominions realize this, and the King is as anxious as his father was to give effect to their wishes. But it could not be done, if he were never to leave this island. That he may continue to be King of the overseas Dominions as well as King of Great Britain, the Dominions must see and hear him in person. There lies the significance of the present Imperial voyage: on which the King is very wisely taking with him, not only the Queen, but his two daughters, one of whom is destined, as things are, to succeed to his throne and its functions.

The Crown Above Politics

It is an essential part of constitutional monarchy, as we now understand it, that the King should be above politics and policies. His function is to at-tune men's minds to ideas of unity and cooperation, but never to take sides for or against particular ways of promoting or securing them. Therefore he should be left on an occasion like the present to play his own part for its own sake, and never be treated as a peg on which to hang schemes for Commonwealth consolidation.

In South Africa General Smuts has given a promise that Parliament shall not be dissolved within a year of the King's visit, thereby disowning in advance any desire to make party capital out of it. It is an example which Prime Ministers in other Dominions might follow when occasion warrants. In the same way it is important that any proposals made since the war was over for more effective inter-Commonwealth co-operation should be seen solely as subjects for discussion by the Governments concerned, and not hatched on to the King's visit in any way.

That does not mean, that unity which the King symbolizes as between us and the Dominions is empty of practical content. Two great wars have shown the reverse. In both, the four Dominions shared our battle from start to finish; and very notably in the second war they stood beside us through the lonely ordeal, when for a while we had no other ally. They well knew, of course, that if they had needed it, we should have done the same for them; that as members of the Commonwealth they had a peculiar relation to us, quite distinct from friendly comparable nations like Argentina or Chile, or even the English-speaking United States; and that the difference was a two-way one, implying help from us for them as well as help from them for

us. Yet, there to come in. On the contrary, by agreement they were at liberty to stay out.

Dominions Are Nations

Whatever be the future of this tie between us and them—whether it is destined to become stronger or weaker or to last on more or less as it is at present is a unique fact. It does not prevent each of the Dominions from having a lively and growing awareness of its nationhood. On the contrary, their national instincts are so predominant that it seems a prime requisite for the ties of the Commonwealth not to conflict with them.

That is what in the past has precluded Federation. For the units in any Federation must be not nations, but provinces. However much the nomenclature employed in the United States may have disguised the fact, the citizens of Massachusetts and Texas are content to belong to the same State; their differences are essentially provincial. The citizens of Australia and Canada are quite otherwise situated. Each is building a nation—a distinct nation. Whether this will always be so one cannot say; but certainly it has been the position hitherto.

During the first war the intimate military co-operation between the Dominions and Great Britain, and the resolution with which the Dominions shared our trials and losses, caused some to expect a tightening of the ties, once the war was over. But the tendency, when the time came, was just the opposite. The pride which each of the Dominions justifiably felt in the exploits of its troops had quickened its sense of separate nationhood, and weakened, if anything, the appeal of the Commonwealth. For ten years there was even a trend among the Dominions to substitute Geneva for London, which was only abandoned in the thirties, as the impotence of Geneva became apparent. The beginnings of a similar deviation towards U.N.O. might be noticed last year.

Some Further Possibilities

Here we touch a weak point in Commonwealth working. Though the Dominions have twice fought beside us in great wars, and on several earlier occasions in smaller ones, they do not correspondingly co-operate in diplomacy during peace. There is often mutual support, but it is haphazard, and already since the late war divergences have caused some embarrassments. Meantime, though "consultation" takes place between the British Government and the several Dominions, there is rather too little mutual contact among the Dominions themselves; and the Imperial Conference, which from time to time afforded a useful opportunity for surveying Dominion policy as a whole, are no longer held.

In the circumstances it is worth considering whether the old presumption that all the Dominions should have exactly the same relation to Great Britain should be continued. If it is, the Dominions will remain like a fleet, whose speed cannot exceed that of the slowest ship. The slowest ship in this case is Canada, where the French Canadian voters (now largely separatist and increasing in power through their high birth-rate) have effectively prevented Mr. Mackenzie King (and might probably prevent any other Canadian Premier) from taking any new step towards closer co-operation.

There is no reason why that Canadian situation should govern the action of other Dominions, which, lacking Canada's peculiar geographical security, are more alive than she to the dangers of the post-war world. Again, there may arise questions as to who—outside the four countries that we have been discussing—the Dominions are. It was probably a mistake once to class Eire as one; her relation to us was inevitably peculiar. But there are cases like Newfoundland, which was formerly a Dominion and should again become one, and Southern Rhodesia, which is already a Dominion in all but name. In addition, there are possibilities that some of the countries to which we are giving independence (e.g. Burma) might care to join on this footing.

About Motherhood . . . By SYLVIA DUNCAN

We Must Look After Our Mothers

I'm not over-fond of statistics. I suppose they are necessary in order to sell the idea of progress to the public—in the same way that a baker sells them his utility cake by coating it with sugar icing.

But the part that has to be digested lies invisible underneath, and beneath the figures which tell us that more babies than ever are being born, and that maternal mortality is lower than ever, lie some pretty unpalatable facts relating to the hardship and suffering of those mothers.

In the first place there is the totally inadequate hospital accommodation.

What has happened to the wartime hospitals which housed many thousands of wounded soldiers? Surely they could have been adapted, if only temporarily, as maternity homes.

I know of a mother who, though sharing one bedroom with her two children and husband, was told that she could not be considered for hospital accommodation—unless she had to be moved at the last minute "as an emergency."

Heavy Burden Of Homework

I would like to see provision made in maternity hospitals for the accommodation of older children whose care is a constant worry to mothers who cannot be sure of getting help during the period of their confinement. The home-help system works well, but is still hampered by shortage of staff.

Mothers are having to "get back into the swim" too quickly after their confinements. It is, perhaps, in order for a mother to leave hospital after ten days provided there is help waiting at home—but not when she must immediately find her health taxed unbearably by the tasks of shopping and housework, besides the care of the new baby.

Even the fortnight, which most home-helps are permitted to stay, is barely sufficient for a mother to regain her strength, especially if she has

older children to care for. It might have been sufficient a few years ago, but not now that we are hampered by poor quality food.

I have been sharing my house recently with an expectant mother who found it almost impossible to satisfy her appetite. She wanted more fruit, milk and particularly more meat.

Admittedly extra rations are allowed, but even they scarcely seem adequate in comparison with a pre-war diet. Many mothers nowadays seem to find it an effort to push their prams.

The Tragedy Of Shared Homes

All their energy has been passed on to their children. There is no means of replacing it, and they are drawing irrevocably on strength which should be held in reserve to tide them over middle age.

Then, of course, there is the over-riding housing problem. It is a real tragedy for mothers with young children to have to share their homes.

A little while ago I saw a pale young mother standing outside a shop with a "twin" pram. She was holding a toddler by the hand. I peeped inside the pram—there were three babies!

"Are you pleased to have triplets?" I asked the mother. "I should be," she replied, "if

I had more than one room to live in with my husband and four children."

And then there is the actual care of a mother during her confinement. I have the greatest admiration for midwives, who drive, cycle and walk at all hours and in all weathers, with the patient their first consideration. But when one takes into account the physical and mental strain of their calling they are probably one of the most overworked sections of the community.

Because of this they are sometimes forced to leave a mother during some period of her confinement. Obviously this happens only if everything is going well, but even so, for a mother's comfort and peace of mind a nurse should be on hand all the time.

I know all the arguments against anaesthesia—but I can think of none against more and more research into a suitable method for this purpose. America, I believe, is experimenting with novocaine. There is even less argument admissible against a wider use of the anaesthesia already available.

I should like to see all midwives equipped with a little car in which the gas and air apparatus could be easily transported. Few mothers would not be grateful for this benefit, if it were on hand.

Will national maternity clinics improve things? I doubt it, for I believe that an imper-

sonal relationship, such as is bound to exist between the patient and her various clinical advisers, breeds disinterest in any particular case.

One clinic mother told me that she felt her card was more important than her person! And the clinics won't always be infallible—what happens then?

I'm thinking now of one girl who lost her first child. She was told by two doctors that there seemed to be no reason why that tragedy should be repeated. Determined to take no chances, however, she went to a well-reputed maternity clinic. They had nothing to add to the doctor's verdict.

Ill and upset she managed to get the name of a clever gynaecologist who did discover the reason which had baffled the others. He performed a very small operation in his surgery. Within a year she had a beautiful baby. Suppose under the new scheme, she had reached a brick wall with the clinic.

What An Inquiry Might Tell Us

I don't think it is going too far to say that if a public inquiry were held into all maternity conditions in this country it would reveal facts equally as shocking as those unearthed by the commissions which investigated the cases of homeless children and the aged.

If our families are to average four or five children instead of the present one and a half, which is gradually making a nation of old people, we shall have to take far greater care of our mothers—now.

Because, while the majority of mothers face their first child with happy, willing confidence, the difficulties and distress they encounter too often lead them to say, "No, never again."

I Believe Our Fashions Will Lead The World

Says Barbara Little,

recently returned from Paris where she visited the famous Parisian dress houses.

She has now seen what Britain is doing and believes that, accepting the challenge of shortage and post-war limitations on material, Britain is producing designs which compare with those of any country in the world.

The fashion industry of England has issued its challenge to Parisian domination. British dress designers have entered world markets and in the years to come a dress designed and made in England will be as eagerly sought as their competitors in Paris.

During the war years British fashions of necessity became dominant, but just before the war our dress designers were steadily taking their place in the world. Now in prolongation of that trend our dress houses are making stupendous efforts to capture the rich markets of the United States and South America.

Not Our Style

Every woman has at some time cherished at the back of her mind a desire to go to Paris and buy frocks and hats, and then return to her country and boast to her friends that she has the latest Parisian creation in style.

Today that desire is changing in favour of creations by our own dress houses. Britain's women have learnt that while Paris can produce the most delightful and charming frocks and hats, many of these exotic creations are not suited for their particular style.

To some extent, this is because of the exaggerated trend of Paris fashions during and after the occupation.

When we liberated Paris the hats had reached monstrous proportions, and women sailed down the Champs Elysees like yachts in full sail with a strong wind behind them. Dresses, though gay, were fussy in design.

Charm With Dignity Now it is true that Frenchwomen can wear the most fantastic dresses and hats, and wear them with an appealing charm and dignity. In London however, any Englishwoman would have had a large crowd following her had she worn the hats of the period for they were completely alien to British standards.

By that I do not mean that British women like only stodgy dresses and hats. They most decidedly don't, but they do prefer fine lines in their frocks and hats which, though pliant, are not absurd.

Nor is this preference felt only in Great Britain. American girls, who are among the best dressed in the world, want something which will make them outstanding by cut, line and colour combination but they, too, dislike exaggerated patterns which make them conspicuous.

The Difference

To the male there may not be a lot of difference between an "outstanding" frock and an "exaggerated" cut or colour combination, but to a woman there is all the difference, and her fellow women would be the first to point out to her in that charming way women have just what the difference is.

Realising these innate tendencies in British women, our dress houses have evolved a technique of design which takes the delicacy of French design and harmonises it with the more sober British taste.

Perhaps sober is a little too sombre a word, for girls today have just as great an appreciation of beautiful dresses as their French sisters, but they realise nature has not endowed them with that particular quality which enables Frenchwomen to wear the most outrageous designs easily and well.

Bid For Trade

All this may seem small in relation to world trade, but it must be kept in mind that France placed so great a value upon her fashion export trade that during the war the big houses in Paris were given special privileges to keep them going.

Women were allowed to buy what they wished with special coupons, but if they accepted these coupons they were not al-

lowed to buy anything in the ordinary dress shops of Paris.

The coupons were exclusively for the expensive trade and by these means the important dress firms were kept alive, when in ordinary circumstances they would have been extinguished.

Fashions have an enormous cash value in foreign exchange and it is to get their share of this valuable world trade that our designers are exerting themselves just now.

To break into the South American market, perhaps the most valuable in the world, needs great skill, but our designers have no doubts that they will be able to succeed, for they have the capacity, the knowledge, and that flash of genius which turns a pleasantly agreeable dress into a "creation".

A QUIZ ON FOODS

This week we have prepared a knowledge. Allow yourself five points for each of the following 33 questions you answer correctly. If your score totals over 150 you definitely rank in the "Bright class"; over 100 points is "Good", while under 80 is middling to poor.

1. What is piceallini?
2. Is there any physiological reason for thinking tea with lemon is better for one than tea with milk?
3. Thirteen minerals are indispensable to an adequate diet. Name six of them.
4. Which cereal is most used in the world, rice or wheat?
5. What proportion of the world's total coffee consumption is used by the people of the United States?
6. How did the wafers called Nabisco get their name?
7. Broccoli and cauliflower are forms of what common vegetable?
8. Where is the world's largest food centre?
9. What vitamin is available to the human body through sun bathing?
10. Which is the most complete food from the nutritional standpoint, (a) the leafy vegetable (b) the root vegetable (c) the legume?
11. What serious nutritional losses occur in the process of refining wheat into white flour?
12. Why are graham and whole wheat flour more difficult to market than white flour?
13. Which takes the least time to digest (a) beef (b) pork (c) bread?
14. What is a simple name for lactose?
15. Do thunderstorms sour milk?
16. Is apple butter made with butter?
17. Is an egg fresh when it sinks and lies on its side in a vessel of cold water?
18. How many cups of butter are there in a pound?
19. What is golden buck?
20. What three vitamins most directly influence tooth structure?
21. What two minerals obtained in food have great influence on tooth structure?
22. Is rice or wheat the main article of food in North China?
23. What is bran?
24. Which is better from the nutritional standpoint (a) a beefsteak (b) kidneys?
25. It is an accepted fact that many drugs are habit forming. Can the same be said of any food?
26. Where are ants and caterpillars a common article of human diet?
27. Which is the most universally eaten meat in China?
28. What is the difference between whole wheat flour and graham flour?
29. What nutritional advantage has graham flour over whole wheat flour?
30. What is "Certified" milk?
31. What vegetable is called in the largest volume in the United States?
32. Is tea an herb?
33. What is a leguminous plant?
34. How did the cantaloupe get its name?
35. Is a hard shelled crab over a soft shelled crab?
36. What vegetable is sometimes called gumbo?
37. What is the chief source of malt?
38. What is smoked haddock called?

(Answers in Page Nine).



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London, Apr. 11. A year of broadcasting to Russia has taught the BBC that the average Muscovite shortwave fan is more interested in learning English and hearing jazz than he is in politics or culture.

During recent months, a small but encouraging flow of fan letters from the Soviet Union has enabled British broadcasters to assess the popularity of various features of the daily transmission to Russia.

No. 1 on the hit parade is "English By Radio," a bi-weekly feature which has avid listeners in Siberia, the Urals and the Caucasus.

After that, Soviet listeners-BBC estimates there are between one and two million of them-favour technical talks and jazz.

A cross-section of Russian letters made available by the BBC show little or no reaction to the lengthy and carefully-prepared news and round-ups of British editorial opinion.

Jazz Wanted BBC officials insist their news commentaries are completely objective, but sample scripts provided the United Press seemed to lean heavily on the left-wing of the British press and practically ignored extreme or anti-Russian comments.

The Soviet Government's campaign against non-ideological music in the USSR may be responsible for the wistful pleas from Russian heptans. One letter from the Caucasus said: "On behalf of the listeners of the Soviet Union could you please give us some new jazz music."

Another from "a group of listeners in Moscow" asked: "Would it be possible to broadcast during the transmissions for Russia every day a few minutes jazz?"

The technical talks cover a wide variety of engineering

subjects and medicines and are particularly popular with Russian students. One Soviet parent heard a discussion on schizophrenia and wrote asking details "because my son is suffering from this disease and I would like to know about it."

Cultural Ties The broadcasts to Russia appear to stress cultural ties between the two nations. A series was done on the "influence of the Russian novel on English literature."

Another feature is a "diary" by an Englishman who once lived in Russia. From the scripts provided, this feature appears to be a palatable attempt to stress similarities in Russian and British ways of life.

In one recent "diary" the author assured the Soviets that "our drama is becoming more serious and purposeful" and in "giving us with increasing frequency something better than the commercialised sensational tinsel-and-glitter spectacles of some of our theatres."

In similar vein, a recent commentary on London fashion said it was "of course fashion can have no dictator. A designer only tries to presuppose the public requirement. Only women themselves can really decide what is and what is not to be worn."

"Another broadcaster took this make-friends-with-the-Russians point-of-view technique into his review of a Russian translation of the poems of Chaucer, the early English poet."

"In the Russian translation I recognized our own Chaucer," he said.-United Press.

U.S. 'PROPAGANDA'

Moscow, Apr. 11. Russians are listening to the American State Department's "Voice of America" radio broadcasts, beamed to the Soviet Union since February, a leading Soviet journalist disclosed today in a sharp attack on the broadcasts as "copying the propaganda tactics of the Hitlerites."

The critic of the broadcasts-and of American newspapermen-Ilya Ehrenburg, who toured the United States last summer, wrote in the periodical Culture and Life:

"When the Voice of America talks, not about the American Communists but about Moscow, we are unable to limit ourselves to an ironic smile."

"Goering and Goebbels committed suicide, Rosenberg and Ribbentrop were hanged. Thus these gentlemen were deprived of the opportunity of demanding their author royalties from the New York radio broadcasters."

America, he continued, had "strange ideas" about developing friendly relations between the peoples of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

United States journalists, he declared, "are occupied with scandals, writing up the intimate lives of Senators and actors, blackmail and cheap sensations."

"Beasts Of Prey" The competition among United States newspapermen was, he said, the competition of "small beasts of prey," and added that "in comparison the reporter of the Paris boulevard sheet is an academician."

The Voice of America told Russia, Ehrenburg said, that in the United States programmes were paid for by commercial chewing gum or anti-perspiration advertisements.

Asserting that the Americans "try to soften their attacks with pastoral digressions revealing both bad taste and somewhat barbaric manners,"

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Incident At The Wailing Wall

Jerusalem, Apr. 11. One Jew was killed and another wounded near Jerusalem's Wailing Wall today and the police report said they were attacked by Moslem congregators near the Mosque of Omar area.

The police and army rushed men to the Old City to guard all lanes, including the winding route to the Wailing Wall and the nearby Mosque of Omar, where hundreds of Arabs and Jews were going for prayers on the last day of the Jewish Passover and the Moslem Nebi Musa.

An official communique later reported that a Jew was seen running from the Mosque of Omar, pursued by several Moslems. It said one of the two Jews involved in the disturbance was beaten so badly he died of his injuries and the other was hospitalized. Both Jews were reported to be from Tel Aviv. Earlier reports had put the scene of the incident inside the mosque area.

Similar incidents-the last occurring in 1936-have previously touched off larger disturbances, but the precautions were expected to forestall them this time.

Jews are not allowed in the mosque area. There was some panic after the incident and several hundred Jewish visitors at the Wailing Wall immediately went home.-United Press.

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1. What was the Moslem League's attitude on the Cabinet Mission plan?

2. How could Pakistan exist militarily, industrially and economically as a sovereign state and how could it afford to extend health services to the poverty-stricken Indian masses which they need badly?

It is understood that Jinnah indicated the League would accept the British plan provided compulsory grouping was unequivocally accepted by the Congress Party.

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A group known as the "Committee of Vigilance for the Defence of the Republic" called the people of Ajaccio to a mass meeting in the "Place Diamant."

The vigilance committee ignored the fact that the city square had been renamed "Place de Gaulle."-United Press.

FAG RATION UP Paris, Apr. 11. French smokers learned today that they would receive two extra packages of 20 cigarettes a month, and that pipe tobacco would shortly be taken off the ration.

The allotment has been 120 cigarettes, plus 40 grams of tobacco for a man, and 40 cigarettes for a woman, per month.-Reuter.

India May Still Be War Base

New Delhi, Apr. 12. Well-informed political sources said today that the Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten, disclosed the possibility of India becoming once again a military, naval and air base in the event of a third world war during his initial talks with Mohandas K. Gandhi and M. A. Jinnah.

According to these sources, Viscount Mountbatten frankly disclosed Whitehall's views of the world situation to the two leaders and told them that although Britain is determined to quit India it would be mutually beneficial to both countries if India retained a Dominion link with England.

The Viceroy, it was said, emphasised the mutual advantages of defence and economic development that would come if India stayed within the Commonwealth.

Gandhi was reported to have declared in favour of an Indo-British friendship alliance if the British keep their promise to pull out.

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Direct Taxes To Be
Petrol Tax May
Be Increased

London, Apr. 11.

Political quarters expect that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, will announce a slight reduction in direct taxation in his budget in Parliament next Tuesday.

It is realised that Mr. Dalton's original hopes of tax concession may have been considerably dashed by the recent industrial crisis in Britain, which rendered millions of people workless and deprived the revenue authorities of a vast sum in tax on earned income. But the impression is that Mr. Dalton will still try to provide a reduction of the income tax rate which at nine shillings in the pound is only ten per cent below the war peak level.

There is equally a feeling that in order to remedy he may have to impose further indirect taxation and an increase in the impost on petrol is mentioned as one possibility.

It was an open secret in Britain some months ago—before the industrial crisis overtook the country—that Mr. Dalton would probably be in a position two years after the war to balance Britain's budget.

There was naturally no certainty that he intended to do so and following the crisis the possibility has receded. In his previous budgets, Mr. Dalton reduced earned income tax by a shilling and restored various family allowances.

Tobacco And Liquors
The effect of the concessions was to exclude from the tax childless married couples with less

than £4 per week and couples with three children with less than £7 a week. Even so, Britain remains the highest taxed country in the world, both directly and indirectly.

There seems little prospect of relief from the tobacco tax, which fixes the price of ordinary cigarettes at 1s. 2d. for ten instead of 6d. before the war, or the liquor taxes, and the smallest procurable glass of whisky or gin at an average of 10d. The working man's beer is rarely bought below 4d. a glass.

As part of its economic plans the Government curbs luxury spending by taxing up to 100 per cent goods not in the essential class.

It is suggested that Mr. Dalton in his budget may transfer more commodities to the luxury category, which would have the effect of directing more labour into essential industries. Such an important business would not assist the Chancellor recently in offsetting direct taxation concessions. These seem more likely to be recovered from still heavier duty upon essentials and possibly a new excursion into company taxation.

Quiz Answers

(From Page Seven)

1. A relish of chopped vegetables and spices.
2. No milk added to tea minimizes the effect on the human system of the tannin in tea.
3. Sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, chlorine, iodine, phosphorus, sulfur, iron, copper, zinc, manganese and cobalt.
4. Rice.
5. About one third.
6. From the first letters of National Biscuit Company.
7. The cabbage.
8. In Chicago.
9. When sunlight containing ultra violet rays falls on the skin a substance found on the body is converted into vitamin D and taken into the blood stream.
10. The forty vegetable.
11. Its minerals are seriously depleted and all of its vitamin value (so far as is known) is lost.
12. Both Graham and whole wheat flour contain the nutritive germ of the wheat which harbours weeds after a time and hence cannot be held for indefinite periods.
13. Beef, Beef 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours; pork 3 1/2 hours; bread 3 1/2 to 4 hours.
14. Milk sugar.
15. No. Unrefrigerated milk turns sour in hot weather—Thermometers have nothing whatever to do with it.
16. No.
17. Yes.
18. Two.
19. Wash rabbit with a poached egg on it.
20. A.C. and D.
21. Calcium and phosphorus.
22. Wheat.
23. The pecker, or skin that encloses the seed of cereal grains.
24. Kidneys.
25. Yes, sugar is said to be habit forming.
26. Among the pygmies of the East Congo.
27. Pork.
28. Whole wheat flour contains only about 85% of the whole wheat kernel, while Graham flour contains the whole kernel.
29. Graham flour contains more of the minerals (magnesium, calcium, potassium and the phosphates).
30. Milk produced under special supervision and shipped in bottles in a raw state.
31. The tomato.
32. No, it is a shrub.
33. Any plant of the bean family.
34. From the castle of Cantalupo in Italy where it was first grown in Europe.
35. Yes, after it molts.
36. Okra.
37. Turkey.
38. Pinner Huddle.

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N.Y. COTTON

New York, Apr. 11.

Cotton futures started firm following earlier losses of \$1.00 a bale as until buying against textile orders and short covering met only limited offerings. Futures closed 15 cents a bale higher to 55 cents lower.

May 34.62-65, July 32.74, October 29.61-65, December 28.83, March 28.58-60, May 27.95. Middling spot 35.37—Associated Press.

ZURICH FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Zurich, Apr. 11.

Zurich on London 17.50, New York 4.30, Paris 5.25, Brussels 5.05, Amsterdam 162.35, London 11.47, Buenos Aires 10.00, Stockholm 110.00, Madrid 30.75.—Reuter.

ALEXANDRIA BULLION

Alexandria, Apr. 11.

Gold, per "dinar" 144 dinars, Egyptian pound 463, Sovereign 461, Turkish pound 350, Napoleon 350, Dollar (value of coin) 460, Silver (plaster) per kilogram 560.—Reuter.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES

London, Apr. 11.

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MEXICAN EXCHANGE RATE

Mexico, Apr. 11.

T. T. Mexico City on London Buyers 1.065, Sellers 1.060, New York 485, 486, Paris 425, 426, Zurich 115, 116, Hongkong 1.25, Bombay unquoted.—Reuter.

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